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EASLEY APPOINTS CUMMINS AND TROY TO INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Rene E. Cummins** of Raleigh and **Dennis H. Troy** of Elizabethtown to the North Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council.

Cummins is an access specialist in the N.C. Office on Disability Health, Prevention Arm of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She serves on the board of directors of the Universal Disability Advocates, the Raleigh Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities and on the executive committee and board of directors for Art Access Inc., an organization that seeks to make the arts accessible to people with disabilities. Cummins received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Wichita State University and is currently working toward her doctorate from N.C. State University.

Troy works for the United States Postal Service as postmaster. He is a member of the Bladen Strategic Planning Committee, vice chairman of 4-H Friends of Youth advisory board and the Bladen Community College board of trustees. Troy served in the U.S. Air Force for two and a half years, received his bachelor's degree from Fayetteville State University in 1977 and completed some graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

The council advises on issues relating to services for persons with disabilities, especially independent living programs and services. They work with the state unit to develop and submit the state plan and monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of that plan. There are 25 members on the council, each serving a 3-year term. The governor appoints all members.

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